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ARTICLES granted by the *French* King, to the City of *GHENT*.

1. A *General Oblivion of all past.* 2. *The City taken into the Kings Protection.* 3. *The Romish Religion to be onely Tolerated.* 4. *The City to have the same Rights over the adjacent Countrey as formerly.* 5. *To keep their Priviledges.* 6. *All the Ecclesiasticks to keep their Goods and Offices.* 7. *Even the Goods confiscated on occasion of the War.* 8. *The Council of* Trent *to be observed as formerly.* 9. *The Burghers to continue in their Offices.* 10. *All Relicks, Ornaments, and Bells of Churches to remain within the City.* 11. *All Burghers, and such as are fled thither, may continue there three months.* 12. *When they depart, may take with them all their Goods, or sell them.* 13. *The Deputies of the Province, and all Strangers being in the Town, may in like manner depart, with all their Goods.* 14. *The Burghers and Ecclesiasticks dwelling at present elsewhere, may within three months come back to the Town, and depart again within other three months.* 15. *The Taxes and Impositions shall be charged, as when under the* Spanish *Government.* 16. *The Gentlemen shall be exempted from the Ban and Arrierban.* 17. *The Abbies and other Ecclesiastical Benefices, shall be given to the Religious of the same Order.* 18. *The chief Baillieu of* Flanders, *shall remain in his place, during his life.* 19. *As also the Raedtsheren, Secretaries, and other Officers, being in the Service of the City.* 20. *Likewise the Commissaries and Receivers of the City.* 21. *No Person shall be disturbed for bearing Arms in the Siege.* 22. *All the Companies shall preserve their Priviledges.* 23. *As to the Revenues of the City, consideration shall be had thereof hereafter.* 24. *The Debts contracted in the name of* Spain, *shall be satisfied out of the* Spanish *Domaines.* 25. *The Commissary of the Impositions, shall give no account of his Administration.* 26. *Nor the Receiver General.* 27. *The Bank of Loan to be protected.* 28 *The Alms houses to remain under the Government of the Magistrates.* 29. *The Religious Fraternities to preserve their Priviledges.* 30. *The Records and Papers of the City to remain there.* 31. *The Gentry and the Kings Officers may wear Arms.* 32. *No Goods or House shall be visited.* 33. *Every Person to keep the Goods he hath bought.* 34. *That concerning the building a second Cittadel, they shall not go beyond the Right the King of* Spain *had to build one.* 35. *The Merchants of* Flanders *to enjoy their Priviledges, as far as the King can permit the same.* 36. *The Customs to be paid as formerly.* 37. *The Duty of Exportation and Importation to be regulated by the King.* 38. *As also the Penalties on those that defraud the same.* 39. *On packing of Goods.* 40. *The Bierulietse Toll to continue.* 41. *As likewise the Staple of Corn.* 42. *Linnen, Thred, and other Manufactures of this City, may be Exported without any Duty.* 43. *Free Trade with* Spain. 44. *All Messengers, Waggoners, Skippers, shall come free with their Merchandizes.* 45. *The Effects, belonging to* Spaniards, *not to be Confiscated.* 46. *Or to any other Enemy.* 47. *The King to swear the Rights, Priviledges, &c. of the City.* 48. *The Town-House to remain to the City.* 49. *That the Inhabitants may go and come in* France, *and the* French *Conquests.* 50. *The Monies of the Town not to be taken.* 51. *The Comptroler and Castelyn of the Princes Hof to continue.* 52. *The Gentry of* Flanders *to enjoy the same liberty as those of* Lille. 53. *The Inhabitants to be free from quartering of Soldiers, but to provide Baraques.* 54. *The Commissary of the Musters shall have three months to remain, or to depart.* 55. *The other Officers in like manner.* 56. *The free Skippers to enjoy their Rights.* 57. *The Sergeants Majors to be discharged upon half pay.* 58. *The wounded Officers may remain till they are well.* 59. *They of* St. Peters *to have the benefit of these Articles.* 60. *And finally this City to enjoy all the advantages granted to* Arras, Douay, *and* Lille.

In the Camp before *Ghent*, March 9.

was Signed LOUIS.

Mittaw in Courland, Febr. 25. We have been here in some pain, occasioned by the reiterated demand of the *Suedes* for passage through this Countrey, which upon our Dukes refusing, it seemed as if they intended to have forced it; wherefore the Militia of this Countrey was drawn together, consisting in 3000 Foot, and 1000 Horse, besides the Nobility, who make 1000 Horse more, and the assistance the General of *Lithuania* in such case promised our Duke, which the *Suedes* understanding, and their General Count *Bent Horne* dying suddenly, they have changed their resolution, and, as we understand, have embarked most of their Troops, and intend to transport them to *Pomeren*; and we receive this day an account from *Riga*, that two Vessels with men were already sailed from thence.

Hamburgh, March 15. In our former we gave you an account, that Count *Coningsmarke* was advanced with a considerable Body of Men near *Rostock*, the advice we have received since is, that having sent his Parties to ravage the Countrey of *Mecklenburg*, they were returned with great Booty, *viz.* 5 or 6000 great and small Cattel, Corn, *&c.* That the *Brandenburgh* and *Lunenburgh* Troops, upon the News they had of this Expedition, having made all the haste possible to get together, the said Count was retiring towards *Straelsond*, having first greatly alarmed *Wismar*, by his advancing within two Leagues of it, insomuch that the Garison there stood in Arms two or three dayes together. It is reported that the *Lunenburgh* and *Brenaenburgh* Troops having overtaken Count *Coningsmarke* in his retreat, have so beset him, that he will hardly be able to disengage himself, but this meets with no great credit.

Naples, Feb. 23. From *Sicily* we have an Account, that the Duke *de la Feuillade* having marched with what Force he could draw together from *Messina*, to attack the Castle of *Mola*, the Duke of *Bournonville* upon notice thereof, assembled the Spanish Troops, and with them Engaged the Duke *de*

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